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ANION EXCHANGE RESINS, AND CONDENSATE DEMINERALIZERS"

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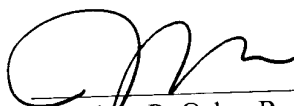
Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your Department of Energy Notice dated September 4, 2001, requesting a signed statement. Attached hereto is the DOE Statement which has been executed by the inventors.

If there is anything further we can do to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at the telephone and fax numbers listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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The subject matter of this application appears to:

☒ be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182 (Department of Energy (DOE)).

☐ "have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

Accordingly, no patent can issue on this application unless applicant(s) file a statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration as provided by 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth (1) the full facts concerning the circumstances under which the invention was made and conceived and (2) the relationship (if any) of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract or other arrangement with the Agency(ies) noted above. On the reverse side of this form is an example of an acceptable format for this statement. The language appearing in paragraphs III and/or IV of the example *must* appear if applicant is attempting to establish that no relationship (under item 2 above) exists.

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I (We) ORGANO CORPORATION

citizens of JAPAN

residing at Shinsuna 1-chome, Koto-ku, Tokyo 136-8631 Japan

declare:

That I (we) made and conceived the invention described and claimed in patent application:

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(Check and complete either I or II below)

(Check III and/or IV below as appropriate)

☒ I. (For Inventors Employed by an Organization) That I (we) made and conceived this invention while employed by ORGANO CORPORATION. That the invention is related to the work I am (we are) employed to perform and was made within the scope of my (our) employment duties; That the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of ORGANO CORPORATION. Other relevant facts are (name of employer)

That to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief:

☒ III. The invention was not made or conceived in the course of, or in connection with, or under the terms of any contract, subcontract or arrangement entered into with or for the benefit of the United States Atomic Energy Commission or its successors: Energy Research and Development Administration or the Department of Energy.

—AND/OR—

That to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief (and/or) based upon information provided by _____ of _____:

☒ IV. The invention was not made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under nor is there any relationship of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

—OR—

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The undersigned inventor(s) declare further that all statements made herein of his or her (their) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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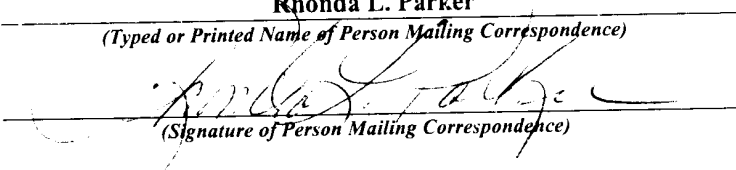
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